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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002 for two months from October 30, 2002 to December 30, 2002.

		Other than
	Small Entity	Small Entity
1 month -	\$ 55	\$ 110
2 months -	\$ 200	<u>X</u> \$ 400
3 months -	\$ 460	\$ 920
4 months -	\$ 720	\$1,440
5 months -	\$ 980	\$1,960

[X] A check is enclosed in the amount of the extension fee indicated above, or the extension fee has been included in the check with the accompanying Reply.

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Respectfully submitted,

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